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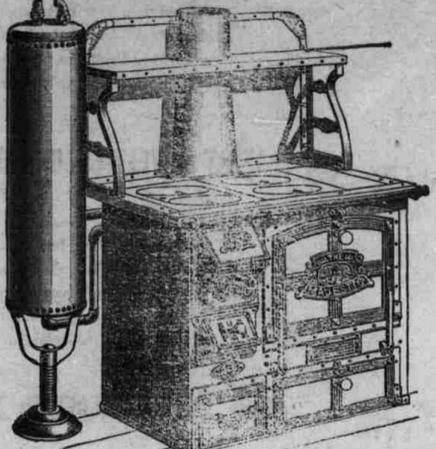
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"SONNY'S" LETTER.

In the Gold Fields of Baker County, He Thinks

THAT HE HAS STRUCK IT RICH.

Mysteries of the Heavens--A New Congregational Church.

EDITOR PRESS: This week still finds the writer in the "Denver of Oregon," or round about in some mountain gulch, or mountain top with pick or shovel in hand, searching for hidden treasures. And like any other crazy "prospector," I think I've struck it rich! I am now interested in three very promising ledges, one of which was recently discovered, about one and a half miles from the celebrated Mable mine, the Baisley Bros., which is turning out the best of any mine so far discovered in the Northwest. Last Saturday properly attired as a typical miner, or prospector, I went from our prospect which we have named the "Grey Eagle" to the Mable mine, taking along with me samples of our ore to make comparisons, arriving at the mines where some 20 men were at work, which number is being increased as fast as room can be made under the ground for more men, and met these enterprising mine owners. Owing to rush of business and their well known policy of "keeping sealed lips" concerning their finds which have been numerous and well paying in the past but none of which was informed anywhere equalled the Mable mines, I did not learn as much as I had expected. The Baisley Bros., are considered extremely "lucky," but the fact of it is there is no such thing as luck making a successful mine owner. It takes hard work, lots of it and considerable chance. Gold is where you find it and you find it where you dig for it in this country, which I consider not only as my opinion, but of mining men whom I meet every day in considerable number, from other places, as the richest mineral section in the world today. This is a gold district. But very little metals are to be found, excepting iron. The closing down of nearly every silver producing mine in Idaho, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, Wyoming and Montana is causing a rush of mines and mining men to this section with the result of new discoveries being made daily. Millions of placer gold has been taken out of the hills and mountains gulches of Baker and adjoining counties in years past, but quartz mining is comparatively a new business here. The district in which I have interests is in the lone irregular hills east of Baker City, which were new though until a year ago to contain gold, is now considered in the lead. The White Swan mine which every week sends in \$5000 and more of the glittering, the "Mable" which is many times richer still, is "proof of the pudding."

What is needed here to bring this section to the front as the greatest gold producers in the world today, is lack of capital of the discovering of these ledges to properly work them, if to work them at all. The Baisley boys deserve much credit, as well as the riches which they are taking out daily for the work they have done. Thursday they started their stamp mill and are "running through" their best quartz taken out of the new discovery which assayed over \$2000 to the ton. Of course such ore is not abundant, but as they go down the vein widens. The other ore taken out while not approaching this, is very rich. While at the mine after the departure of the boys for dinner, I had quite a chat with the foreman of the mine and while not permitted to handle the ore on the different dumps I could see the quartz fairly "lousy" with gold and notwithstanding the strict orders, I could not resist the temptation of picking up two small pieces, which had tumbled off the pile. As our mine is located on the same ledge (or as we have every reason to believe it is) I wanted to make comparisons. Suffice it to say that the ore from our mine is pronounced by all "experts" and alleged experts to be from the Mabel mine, and I have had some amusing disputes over it. What the prospect will amount to is of course all speculation until we go down several feet. If this prospect of ours turns out to be a second Comstock, I will join the gold bug throng and attempt to keep down the present popular uprising against the yellow metal as the only "good" money in the world. However, in the meantime I will be anxious to get hold of as many silver dollars

as possible. The white metal will purchase now anything I want or that anybody else wants but the dickens of getting it too. Is that not true with everybody, except a few of the "more fortunate?"

From my personal knowledge of the situation and to learn it from mines, mine owners, and business men from the silver countries who are coming here in swarms, should congress in the special session next month repeal the Sherman law and offer no better substitute then will be wide spread misery loss and ruin, for at the present price paid for silver (measured by the gold standard) the white metal cannot be profitably mined. There is 40 per cent more profit in gold than silver. That is a dollar in silver represents more labor to produce it than a dollar in gold. This is the fact and no man who will investigate the matter, can dispute it. Then why this clamor "cheap money" which is yelled by owners of gold, of course there are exceptions to the rule where it costs more to mine a gold dollar than a silver dollar, but there are only one or two notable exceptions. Talk about intrinsic value. Its "sheerest" folly. It is natural for me to believe my mine better than many others. Why? Because it is mine. I own it. See? So with any other kind of property, so with the goldite. But what it costs to produce the metal in a dollar of gold or a dollar of silver is not the real question at all. The industrial interests? The nation are suffering because of a contraction of the currency because there is not now enough money per capita to transact business without great losses. What will it be if President Cleveland, and Dan Lamont, the agent of the Rothschild's and the personal adviser and confident of the president, succeed in bull-dozing congress into forever stamping out of existence our most convenient money—silver? Who doubts in case the Sherman law is repealed (and it should be) and no better law enacted for the coining of silver (not the buying of silver with gold) that gold will go to a premium anyway. That gold will go to a premium no matter which course is adopted, is assuredly certain with the passage of a free coining of silver law. Of course its a part of the scheme take advantage of what lingering doubt there is in the minds of the people of this nation and temporarily play havoc in commercial circles, but that will not last long. With the Sherman law repealed, gold will permanently remain at a premium. That its value would shrink one half, with the opportunity of the people to pay their debts would decrease one half. In any case, look out for breakers ahead. At least them's my sentiments.—Centimes. Expecting to be in Athena ere long, with a pocket full of nuggets etc. I am Yours. I. McQ.

Mysteries of the Heavens.

Professor Wiggins says that in two or three weeks a very brilliant comet will be seen in the northern sky. He has been watching for some weeks for a comet, which he says is the large variable star seen by Cornelius Gemma in 1570, in the constellation of Cassiopea, as its reappearance is about due. In 1864 he announced that Gemma's star, usually called the star of Bethlehem, was only a large comet at its perihelion, when its halo surrounded it and gave it the appearance of a star of the first magnitude. He considers that his theory has been proved now, for the night of the 8th inst. he saw for a few minutes, between clouds near the pole of the heavens a star of the sixth magnitude moving rapidly upwards, which he pronounced a comet and which is seeking a nearer perihelion than in 1570. On its return from the sun it will be very brilliant. It is now, he says, probably below the horizon.

New Congregational Church.

A number of our good citizens met at the home of Rev. A. R. Olds last Saturday afternoon, says the Weston Leader, and organized a Congregational church. The government of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. It is amendable to no other ecclesiastical body. It acknowledges the Lord Jesus Christ as its only head, and the scriptures as its only infallible guide in matters of faith, order and discipline. Arrangements will soon be made for regular preaching services in one of the churches. Rev. A. R. Olds is to be the pastor of this new church; also of the Congregational church at Freewater, where they are arranging to erect a church building in the near future.

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THE DARK TIGER.

Two Hundred Saloons Run On the Sly In

CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Governor of Colorado Talks on Silver Question--Other News.

A special to the Tribune from Charleston, S. C., says: This city is still waiting with expectant awe, the punishment promised it by Gov. Tillman for refusing to take the state cocktail from a state dispensary. The dispensary law has been in operation for nearly two weeks. While a few liquor shops are closed most of the 200 are still open. Some of them display signs with lists of soft drinks, but the tiger lurks in the rear and shows himself whenever the pass word is given. The city is filled with Governor Tillman's detectives, but most of them are known and have not yet done anything. No information has been lodged as yet for the violation of the law; although it is violated daily. It is said that the papers have been prepared, however, the governor is expected to swoop down on the city any moment. Another complication has arisen as to the supply of alcohol for the druggists. One of the largest manufacturing drug concerns in the city wrote to the state dispenser for a barrel of alcohol and was told in reply that as Charleston repudiated the dispensary law, no alcohol could be sold to the druggists. The latter will probably order their alcohol from the north as usual and have it shipped here, depending upon the railway to deliver it. The people here are much elated at the decision of Judge Hudson declaring the dispensary illegal and the local liquor dealers are again looking at the courts for relief. One of them today took out a United States internal revenue license and will open a shop under it tomorrow in order to make a test case.

The Governor of Colorado Talks.

At the re-assembling of a mass meeting at Denver Tuesday, Governor Waite was called upon for an address on the silver question. As the old, gray haired governor started down the aisle to the platform the scene presented was beyond description. Men whose future depended on the cause for which they were fighting, stood in their seats and yelled until exhausted. He concluded by saying: "If money powers shall attempt to sustain its usurpation by strong hand, we will meet that issue when it is forced upon us, for it is better, infinitely better, that blood should flow to horse bridles rather than have constitutional liberties destroyed. If it is true that the United States is unable to carry out its governmental policy without dictation or consent of foreign powers, if we are a province of European monarchies, then we need another revolution. Another appeal to arms and we will have won the battle."

At the Cascade Locks.

A few days ago, a reporter connected with The Dalles Times-Mountaineer paid a visit to the Cascade locks, and was shown over the entire works. Two steam travelers are now in operation, one on the north and the other on the south side of the canal, and there are about 80 stone-cutters at work. The locomotive, which had undergone repairs in Portland, was received Friday, and is now making two trips daily to the quarry on Hermann creek.

The large derrick is being erected at a convenient place, so that rock can be transferred from the Hermann Creek railroad, and taken by the narrow-gauge cars to either shed. The water is still very high, about 35 feet above the lowest mark; but it is expected by the end of the month or the beginning of August work can be prosecuted in the canal. A large quantity of stone has been taken out, and these will be prepared for their places in the wall as rapidly as possible.

The contractors are pushing work by every possible means, and boats will be able to pass through the canal inside of two years. There is perfect system in the manner in which the work is prosecuted, and it is a matter of surprise that every detail in such a gigantic undertaking can be so carefully mapped out.

Tests of Armor Plate.

The third of the series of armor-plate tests, of world-wide interest and importance, took place last week at the naval proving grounds, on the Potomac river. The tests were for acceptance and for pre-

mium. It was stipulated that if the plates resisted penetration under a certain prescribed velocity the makers should receive a premium of \$30 per ton in addition to the contract price of \$275 per ton. The first test was of nine-inch plate, a sample of the side armor of the monitor Monadnock. It was nickel-steel, weighed 40 tons, and was made by the Carnegie-Fricke company. Three Holtzner projectiles, weighing 250 pounds each, were fired against it from an eight-inch rifle, the muzzle being fifty-eight feet from the face of the target. The first projectile had a velocity of 1400 feet per second at the moment of impact, and penetrated the plate and oak backing to the depth of 11.7 inches. The second projectile, with a striking velocity of 1683 feet, went through the plate and three feet of oak backing, and lost itself in the earth against which it was built. The third projectile had a velocity of 1536 feet and penetrated the plate and backing to a depth of 14 1/2 inches. The plate well withstood the strain of attack, no cracks being perceptible, and it fully met every requirement for acceptance, but the result of the second shot deprived the makers of any chance for a premium.

It Has Not Been Stopped.

The report that the Nicaragua Canal Construction Company had stopped all work on the Nicaragua canal on account of a lack of funds was officially denied by ex-Senator Warner Miller, president of the company. "We have not stopped work entirely," said Miller, "although, of course, we have had a lessened amount of work in times of financial stringency every one has to cut his coat according to his cloth. Work is now going on at the breakwater at the entrance to Greytown harbor, and on the harbor; besides that we have a large number of men looking after our valuable machinery. It is not true the company's securities are bought. Persons have been buying them all along and are doing so yet. As for the report that there are any internal dissensions in the company, that is untrue. We had to stop work to a considerable extent at the time of the revolution in Nicaragua. Our boats were seized. These boats were the only means of transportation up the river. We expect they will soon be settled in a satisfactory manner. Then, when the money situation becomes a little easier we expect to go ahead with the work at full blast. A little more than \$5,000,000 has already been expended by the company."

Killed Them Both.

The express train from Springfield on the New Haven road struck and instantly killed two men on the track near Pelhamville. After passing Pelhamville the engineer noticed the two men standing on the track close together, apparently fighting. The engineer blew a whistle, but neither of them paid any heed. When the engine was within a few yards of the men the engineer reversed his engine and did all he could to stop the train, but to no effect. As the locomotive struck the two men they were clinching and engaged in a desperate struggle. The bodies were thrown ahead of the locomotive, the entire train passing over them. Both men were mangled in a horrible manner. Both smelling strongly of whiskey, and evidently while drunk got into a dispute and were having it out when the train struck them.

A Son's Letter to His Father.

William Nache, the Endicott burglar, who was taken to the penitentiary at Colfax a few days ago, left a letter with jailer New-comer, in which he requested to be sent to his father in Berlin, Germany. The contents, which he translated to the jailer, show that Nache's career was blighted by an unromantic incident. "You are the blame for all my misfortune," writes Nache. "When I desired to marry and asked you for 600 marks, you threw obstacles in the way, refused me the money, and drove me mad. You caused me to run away from Germany, and here I am in prison to spend my life. I told you that you would rue your acts toward me. You need not be surprised to hear my death by my own hands. I don't care to live." The letter runs on for several pages in the same strain, accusing his parents of ruining his life.

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